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CLAIMS

1. A frequency shifting device comprising:

first means for providing a layer of optically refractive material having a moving refractive boundary responsive to an application of a traveling wave electrical signal and second means for providing an electrical signal to said first means effective to effect a predetermined frequency shift of an optical signal passing therethrough.

- 2. The invention of Claim 1 wherein said device includes an active polymer layer and a first optically conductive cladding layer above.
- 3. The invention of Claim 2 wherein said device further includes a microstrip line disposed over said first cladding layer.
- 4. The invention of Claim 3 further including an optically conductive second cladding disposed beneath said active polymer layer.
- 5. The invention of Claim 4 further including a ground plane beneath the said second cladding layer.
- 6. The invention of Claim 5 further including a quartz or silicon substrate disposed beneath said ground plane.

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7. A frequency shifting device comprising:

a substrate;

a ground plane disposed over said substrate;

an optically conductive second cladding layer disposed over said ground plane;

an active polymer disposed over said second cladding layer;

an optically conductive first cladding layer disposed over said active polymer,

a microstrip line disposed over said first cladding layer.

8. A continuous wave frequency converter comprising:

first and second frequency shifting devices disposed in first and second optical paths respectively, each of said devices having a layer of optically refractive material with a moving boundary responsive to the application of an electrical signal and

means for providing an electrical signal to said first and second devices.

9. A method for continuous wave frequency shifting of an optical signal comprising the steps of:

providing layers of optically refractive material having a moving refractive boundary responsive to an application of a traveling wave sinusoidal electrical signal and

providing electrical signals to said layers to effect a predetermined frequency shift of an optical signal passing therethrough.